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Attorney Docket No. 01638.0014.NPUS01

First Inventor George PLESTER

Title System and Method for Aseptic Filling Packages with Liquid Products

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 26]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ paper
 - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Letter Transmittal

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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application
Appl. No.: To be Assigned
Filed: **March 20, 2003**
For: **System and Method for Aseptic Filling of Packages with Liquid Products**
Inventors: George PLESTER
Attorney Docket No.: 01638.0014.NPUS01

Sir:

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/447,746 entitled "System and Method for Aseptic Filling of Packages with Liquid Products" filed February 19, 2003.

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Form PTO/SB/05 (Utility Application Transmittal)
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

System and Method for Aseptic Filling of Packages wit Liquid Products

and naming an inventor:

George PLESTER, Waterloo, Belgium

the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - (i) 20 pages of description prior to the claims;

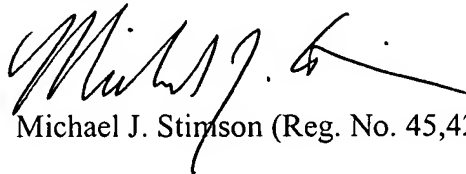
- (ii) 5 pages of claims
- (iii) 1 page abstract;
- b. 5 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-7); and

- 4. Two (2) return postcards.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without filing fee. Applicants respectfully request that the application be granted a filing date of

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures